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SECRET WEAPON

Wild rumors have followed the easy capture of the powerful Belgian fort at Eben Emael by German forces near Liege. According to dispatches, there is something very mysterious in the surrender of 1,000 soldiers with little show of resistance; and immediately military experts get busy inventing a reason which Hitler has been boasting.

Even if this is only imagination, the German high command is encouraging the idea. Guesses run all the way from a super-bomb or an irresistible flame-thrower to a magic gas that temporarily attacks the nerves and leaves its victims at the mercy of the invaders. About the only thing ruled out is a pocket submarine.

Excitement was caused during the World War by reports of an invisible "death ray" which could kill at long distance. Yet in all the ensuing years the best the scientists have been able to do is kill insects and small animals a few feet away.

It is not easy, however, to explain away the Eben Emael capitulation. German sources say, whether for propaganda can only be conjectured, that a Lieutenant Witzig landed with a small air force and by use of the mysterious weapon opened the way in no time for the attacking columns.

Fantastic as it sounds, the possibility that Hitler really has a device which causes resistance to crumble cannot be dismissed. If it is true, then its nature will be discovered and some effective defense developed. Gases can be met by new types of gas mask. New explosives capable of wrecking whole blocks are not a German monopoly.

The danger is that before an answer can be found for the "secret weapon," if there is such a thing, Hitler will have gained his immediate objectives. The fact that he is reported to have released it now indicates how vital he believes the drive through the low countries is.

"TELEvised" CONVENTIONS

Announcement that the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia will be "televised"—to use the current barbarism—opens fascinating possibilities. According to Chairman John D. M. Hamilton, the combined resources of the National Broadcasting Company and the Philco Radio and Television Corporation will bring convention scenes to residents of an area within a 90-mile radius who have television receiving sets.

Although this service is in its infancy, being limited to short distances until relaying stations are established, the prospect that at some future time intimate views of political conventions will be "televised" recalls the influence of radio on oratory. Realization that the sound of his voice was carried to millions of homes put a brake on the blatherskite tendencies of many a speaker. Television may well curb certain modes of behavior not uncommon on convention floors and rostrums.

But television, like radio, will not eliminate the demagogue. It will merely compel him to effect refinements in his style.

Canadian authorities are hiking the tax on cigarettes so that soon a package of twenty will retail for twenty-five cents, with the smokers saying they will quit smoking before they will pay it. Anybody would be an American.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

THE STORY THE TEA-LEAVES TOLD

By Doron Green

This story is a combination of truth and fiction. Such a robber once lived in Bristol and his exposure caused a great deal of excitement. His home was found to be filled with stolen articles.

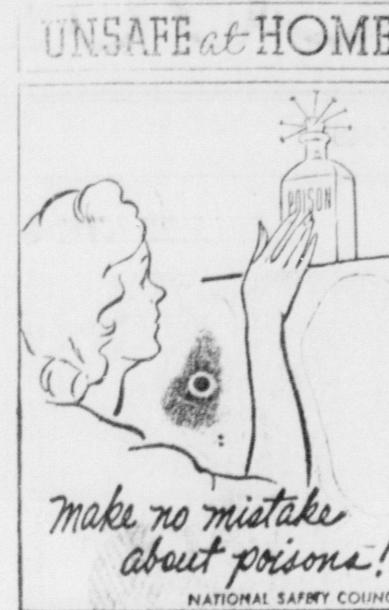
In a cozy, little home on Radcliffe street, Bristol, a spirited argument is taking place between husband and wife. Let us listen in on the conversation.

The wife is talking: "John, you are a big fool; you cannot continue as you have without being caught, and exposure means humiliation and shame, not only to you, but to me as well. The townspeople look upon you as an honest, upright citizen. You are prominent in the work of the church and Sunday school. Little do your friends realize the double life you are leading. What a disgrace when they find that you are a common thief and that hidden beneath the rafters and under the floors can be found stolen goods. Stolen from friends and neighbors who have trusted you and still have confidence in you."

"Won't you stop, John, before it is too late?" The husband remained quiescent, seeing that her appeal to his better manhood was in vain, the wife left the room.

For several years many robberies had been committed in Bristol and, although High Constable John Worrell and the Police Committee of Borough Council had united in their efforts to run down the robber, no clues could be found. The fact that the robberies were always timed when the constable had relinquished his efforts and sent his special officers home for the night, seemed to be substantial proof that the culprit was someone in close touch with the efforts of the police.

At last the robberies occurred so often that High Constable Worrell swore in a number of special officers to act as a posse, and these men he stationed at different points in the town, awaited developments. Let us look in again at the home of John — . His wife, who is very angry, is talking: "You think you are a smart Aleck joining the posse and being sworn in by Constable Worrell. Can't you see that the law is closing in on you? You can't resist the temptation to steal in the district in which are you sta-



tioned and then the suspicion will rest upon you. Once suspicion is aroused it spreads rapidly and cares nothing for character or reputation. Once more I appeal to you, John, to give up this double life you are leading before it is too late and you are engulfed by shame, remorse and disgrace." John, without replying, arose and went out the door.

In a few nights his wife's prophecy came true and several robberies occurred in the district where John had been appointed. Constable Worrell changed the location of his men and, a few nights afterward, robberies took place in the district where John had been sent. At last suspicion was directed toward him, but it was hard for Constable Worrell to believe that one of his best friends, and one who stood so high in the community, could be a common thief.

The young man who held the position of Clerk of Borough Council was in the drygoods and grocery business in the third ward, and several times his store had been robbed. One night he was seen crossing the lot toward the flood-gates east of Bath street above Buckley street. After crossing the flood-gates he continued his way, following the shore of the Mill Pond, until he came to a single house among the many houses that had been erected in that neighborhood. Let us enter with him and observe what happens.

An elderly colored woman was sitting in a chair with a table before her on which rested a tea cup. The Borough

Clerk explained to her that a number of robberies had been committed within the borough during the past year and, although every effort had been made to apprehend the culprit, nothing had been accomplished. Could she do anything to help, he asked.

At first the colored lady said nothing, but buried herself with the tea leaves within the cup. After stirring them for some time, she suddenly stopped and began to talk, but not to anyone in particular:

"I see a tall man with an honest face, one who would pass for a Christian gentleman. He resides in a house on Radcliffe near — street." Then she paused.

"This man apparently is leading a double life. I see him breaking into a house under cover of darkness. His home is filled with stolen articles, and his wife is frantic lest he shall be discovered." Once more she paused. "I see the posse which has been organized, and he is among them. The position of the leaves indicate that if the High Constable will watch this man surprising results will be achieved."

The Borough Clerk returned to his home very much disturbed. He did not want to believe the fortune-teller but her description of the thief and the place of his residence were so startling that he was forced to admit that the interview had impressed him deeply. Hunting up Constable Worrell the next morning, he informed him what the fortune-teller had said. Together they agreed to set a trap for the robber. If it worked, all would be well and, if it failed, no one would know about it.

Accordingly, a few nights after the interview with the fortune-teller, when the posse had been assigned to their respective places, the Constable and Clerk quietly made their way to the district where the suspected robber had been appointed. From a secluded place they watched developments. About one o'clock, they noticed a man entering a yard back of Dorrance street. Stealing quietly up the alley, they saw him pry open a shutter and enter the house. Shortly he came out, using a tablecloth for a bag which was filled with stolen goods. As the robber came out of the yard into the alley, Constable Worrell and the Borough Clerk grabbed him by the shoulders.

Seeing that resistance was useless and that he had been caught red-handed, the thief, who was none other than the respected gentleman who resided on Radcliffe street, confessed that it was he who had been committing the robberies and that he was ready to pay the penalty for his misdeeds.

The next morning the town was

startled by the news. Some citizens were severe in their denunciation while others were inclined to be merciful. Constable Worrell was terribly upset as the prisoner was his personal friend. As the days passed the prisoner's wife made restitution wherever possible. At last, upon the prisoner's promise to leave town promptly, he was released.

In time the excitement quieted down but the Borough Clerk and Constable Worrell could never forget the accurate information imparted by the fortune-teller. Could she have had any knowledge of the finger of suspicion pointing to a certain individual and enlarged upon it? Or were her conclusions simply a coincidence? Surely no sensible man would want to believe that a few tea leaves in the bottom of a tea cup would, by their position, accurately reveal the culprit.

The Great Game of Politics

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action. The first thing is to give the money.

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HOWEVER, there is nothing in the situation that excuses either personal or political hysteria. Some of the suggestions that have been put forth within the last two days at least border on that state. They indicate a degree of panic not justified by the facts. Certainly acquiescence in the Roosevelt request for a billion-dollar appropriation should not carry with it abandonment of the right either to criticize or question. We are not at war. Everybody hopes we will not have to go to war, and there is certainly no necessity and less sense in becoming, in effect, a totalitarian state in order to prepare for war.

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ON the contrary, the very fact that under the present Executive so many billions have been wasted is the soundest of reasons for the opposition to retain its sense of balance and not be swept off its feet by clamor. For example, it would seem in the national interest to insist that the spending of this money is more important than appropriating it. If it is to be effectively spent, both American industry and the governmental departments concerned have got to be relieved of some of the respective New Deal legislation which cramps production and interferes with obtaining supplies.

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IF it is to be effectively spent some new and competent nonpartisan agency, able and willing to get the facts, ought to be put in charge. The great need is to lift this whole business of preparedness above the level of party or factional politics. It needs to be taken out of the realm where the palace politicians can gloat over what the war and the defense billions mean for the success of their third-term plans—which is what they are now doing. Of course, Mr. Roosevelt could accomplish that at any moment in a single statement. And it would put him on a pinnacle such as no President ever occupied before, and such as he can occupy in no other way.

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BUT, if his friends are to be believed, there is slight chance of his making the "great renunciation" now. Certainly they are violently opposed to it. They are willing enough that he should invite a Republican like Col. Frank Knox into the Cabinet and set up a nonpartisan commission to make a survey, recommend special taxes or spend the money. But, renounce a third term, no! With it now practically in his grasp, that, they point out, would be foolish.

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PERHAPS before this is printed the President will have made some move toward a nonpartisan setup and the creation of some agency competent to co-ordinate industry and get results from the expenditures. His conference with Colonel Knox on Thursday and his luncheon with Mr. B. M. Baruch on Saturday indicate a move in these directions. But there is nothing to indicate a move in the other direction. On the contrary, while the whole program is with the view of protecting ourselves from the

threat of a dictator over there, we are invited to subscribe to the theory of the indispensable man over here. It is illogical, undesirable and not in the national interest.

YARDLEY

Announcements have been received of the birth of a daughter, Barbara Virginia, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Handy, West Grove, on May 11, in West Grove Hospital. Mrs. Handy will be remembered as Miss Dorothy Abernathy, a former teacher in the third grade of Yardley teacher in the third grade of Yardley.

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Legal

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Estate of Margaret P. Mitchener, late of the Borough of Bristol, Pa., deceased.

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HAROLD G. MITCHENER, Executor, 528 Swan Street, Bristol, Pa.

Or to his Attorney, HORACE N. DAVIS, Attorney, 295 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, Pa.

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Notice

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of MARGARET S. WILLARD, Bankrupt, In No. 21270.

To the Creditors of MARGARET S. WILLARD, of Yardley, in the County of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania Bankrupt.

NOTICE IS hereby given that on the TWENTIETH day of June A. D. 1940 at 10:00 A. M. (D. S. T.) a meeting will be held at the Office of the Referee Hart Building, Doylestown, Pa., to pass on Bankruptcy Application for Discharge in such manner as may be properly done, said meeting to be held at the office of the Referee in Bankruptcy on May 17, 1940.

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PARTIES

Eighty Gather To Welcome Couple After Long Trip

A "welcome home" party was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Weik Jefferson avenue, on Saturday evening by members of the Social Circle, in First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Weik recently returned from a four months' stay in Tucson, Arizona.

Eighty were assembled at Mr. and Mrs. Weik's home. Mr. Weik's head was a large straw Mexican hat, three feet in diameter, and draped about her was a colorful Mexican scarf. Mr. Weik wore a felt "10-gallon" hat, and a yellow silk scarf of the cowboys.

Mrs. Fred Gould, who acted as president of the Circle in Mrs. Weik's absence, gave a welcoming speech, and turned the program over to Gilbert Lovett. After prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Howard L. Zepplin, the group sang. A piano duet was given by Miss Rae Vandegrift and Mrs. Howard L. Zepplin.

Mr. Lovett then called upon Mrs. Weik to tell of the flowers of Tucson, which proved very interesting. Mr. Weik gave a graphic account of the homes in Tucson; and Mr. Weik's uncle, Julian McLaughlin, told of the growth of Tucson since he became a resident there 27 years ago. Mr. McLaughlin is a former Bristolian.

An original poem telling of pleasure over the return of the Weiks was read by Mr. Lovett. Selections by Mr. Lovett on the musical saw and the guitar, were accompanied by pianist, Miss Winifred Tracy.

To Mrs. Weik a bouquet of flowers was presented by Mrs. Gould on behalf of the Circle.

After group singing, refreshments of ice cream and home-made cake were served.

Events for Tonight

Card party by American Legion Auxiliary in Bracken Post home, 8:30 p. m.

In a Personal Way

INTERESTING bits of news I mainly about people you know. A chronicle of the activities of the people of Bristol; their goings and comings...

Thomas Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stewart, Bath street, is ill at his home with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Duncan MacPherson, New York City, formerly of Bristol, spent two days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson, East Circle, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whyatt, Wilson avenue.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

"Cleve," to the wedding of their daughter, Georgette Countant, to Alexander Marston Strathie, son of Dr. A. J. Strathie, Newtown, in St. Andrew's P. E. Church, on June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Harper, Mrs. Lucy A. Harper, and Miss Gladys A. Harper were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Humbrecht, Philadelphia.

ON THE SCREENS

GRAND THEATRE

The team of Clark Gable and Joan Crawford, which co-starred with marked success five times before, rises to new heights by reason of two of the season's most memorable performances in "Strange Cargo," which opened Sunday at the Grand Theatre.

As convict Verne Andre, desperado who escapes a South American penal colony, Gable reasserts his superiority as an actor as well as a personality, for his conception of the role carries all the true shading of an understanding artist.

As the cynical cafe entertainer, Julie, who is finally willing to sacrifice herself because she could not accomplish the reform she longed for in Verne's character, Joan Crawford re-establishes the standing as a dramatic actress which was conceded her for her work in "The Women."

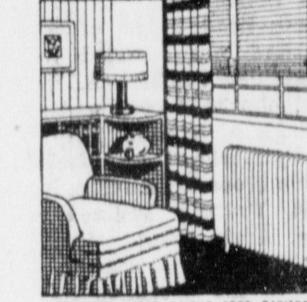
BRISTOL THEATRE

Scintillating comedy and high intrigue vie for the spotlight, against the romantic background of little known South Africa, in "Adventures in Diamonds," which opened last night at the Bristol Theatre, with George Brent and Isa Miranda co-starred. Illuminated by witty dialogue and



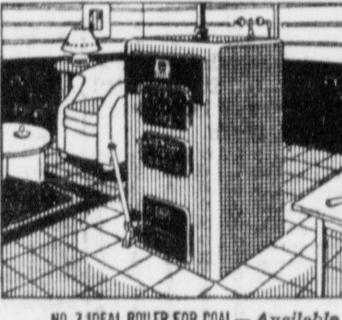
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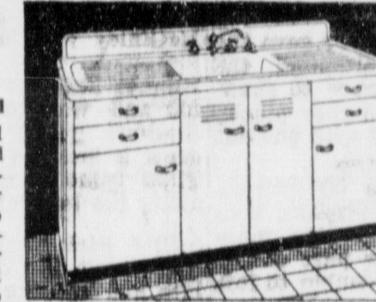


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1/2 cup rice flakes

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup currants

1/2 cup sultanas

